

Subject: COVID-19 Update: Expanding protections for renters and workers
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COVID-19 UPDATE: EXPANDING PROTECTIONS FOR RENTERS AND WORKERS

Friends,

On Friday, I called a special emergency City Council meeting to provide assistance to Angelenos grappling with an ever-increasing coronavirus pandemic.

We voted to extend renters protections against evictions and please know you have rights against evictions (see below for details). And we protect workers by requiring large corporations to provide their employees with 10 days of Paid Leave during this crisis so parents, especially the working poor, do not have to choose between work and their families' health.

This is the second meeting the Los Angeles City Council has hosted since a state of emergency was declared earlier in the month, and Friday's 11-hour meeting was held for the first time via teleconferencing. I will hold as many emergency meetings as we need to moving forward. Our partners at the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors will host their first emergency meeting on Tuesday and will undoubtedly provide further assistance. Our Mayor enacted an eviction ban (which the City Council enhanced), the Governor worked with private financial institutions to enact a moratorium on foreclosures and [other protections](#) for homeowners and renters, and Congress just approved a \$2.2 trillion aid package that will [put money in people's pockets](#).

More action will be needed as the pandemic grows. We must all work together to do what we can to provide relief and keep people in their homes, healthy and safe.

For the City, my concern is this is hitting our working poor the most. Whether it is struggling to pay bills, rent, or putting food on the table, our working families depend on us to be their voice. In this time of peril, who will be the workers' safety net, if not us? We are a **Families First** Council and we cannot overlook these people. They feed us, take care of our kids, cook our food, clean our homes, offices, and hotels, wash our cars, mow our lawns, repair our buildings. If not us, who?

I want to thank all my Council colleagues for their work in adopting our emergency legislative aid, in particular, Councilmembers Herb Wesson, Curren Price, President Pro Tem Joe Buscaino, Paul Koretz, Bob Blumenfield and Paul Krekorian.

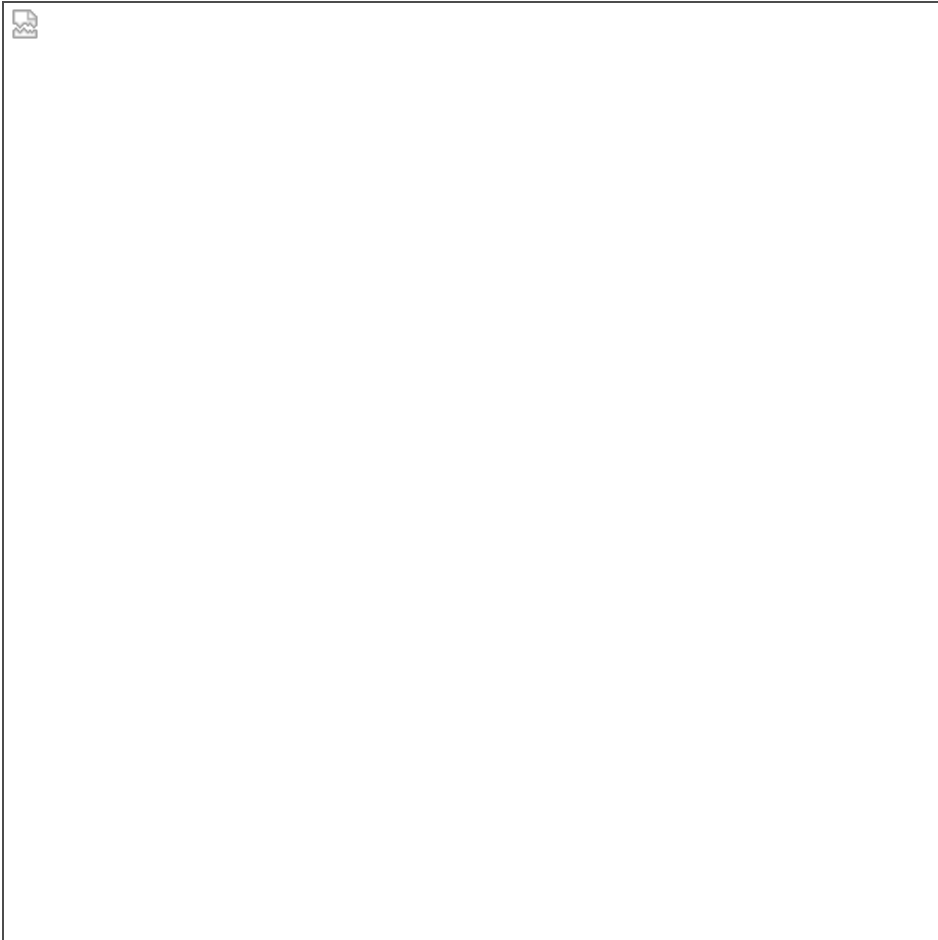
Please be safe and follow all Mayor Garcetti and Governor Newsom's

emergency orders. We are all safer at home.

Blessings,

Nury

Important City Council Emergency Legislation



Protection for Tenants During the COVID-19 Pandemic

- Council approved a moratorium on residential and commercial evictions during the pandemic, and through an amending motion introduced by Councilmember Herb Wesson and seconded by Councilmember O'Farrell and me, we extended the rent payback period in place under the Mayor's directive from six months to 12 months. We also eliminated late fees and arbitrary just cause evictions such as taking in another tenant, or having a pet during the pandemic. We also included small business protections for those leasing space, while exempting multinational and large corporations from applying for this moratorium protection.

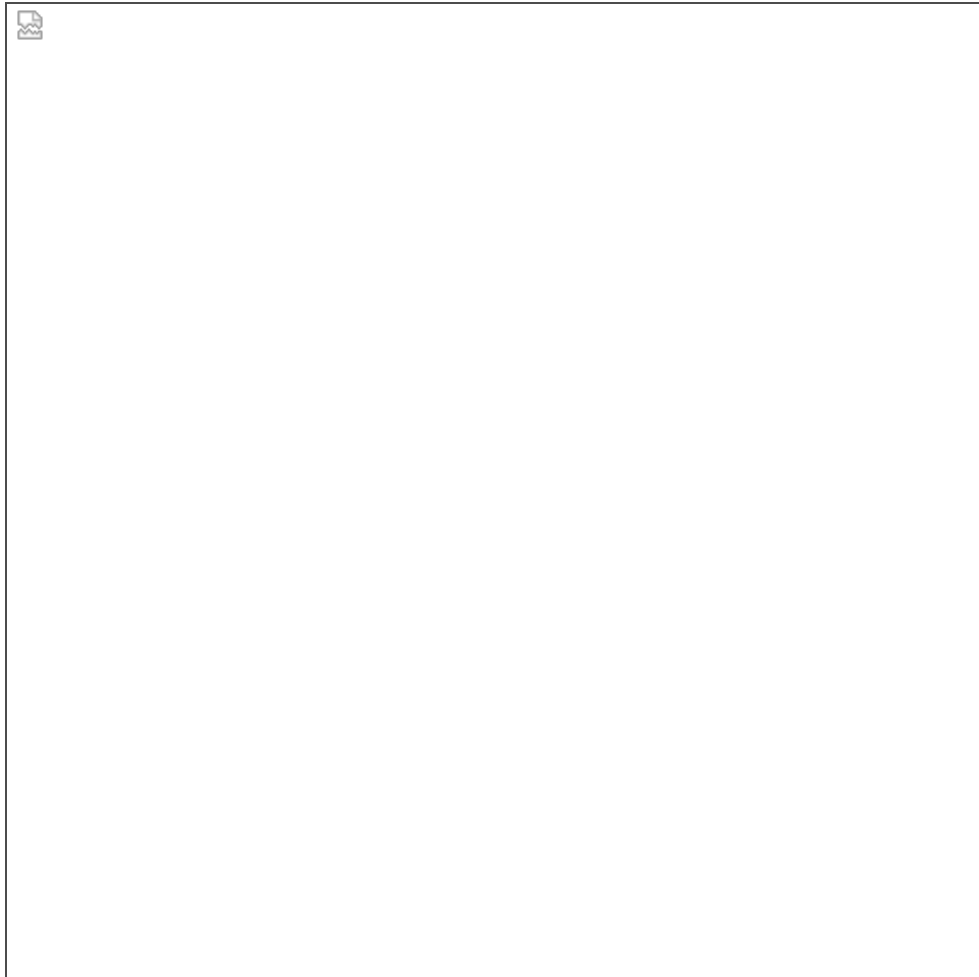
Mandatory Paid Leave

- My motion was approved via ordinance to do what the \$2.2 billion congressional aid bill did not, require large-scale businesses and corporations with 500 or more employees provide their workers with 80 hours of COVID-19-related paid leave.

Priority Shopping for Seniors

- Council voted to mandate retail food stores dedicate one hour of customer access exclusively to the elderly and the disabled. While some stores already practice this, now all stores in the City of Los Angeles must make accommodations for vulnerable populations during COVID-19.
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ATTENTION RENTERS: YOU ARE PROTECTED AGAINST EVICTION DURING COVID-19



ATENCIÓN A INQUILINOS : ESTÁN PROTEGIDOS CONTRA DESALOJOS DURANTE EL CORONAVIRUS

Yesterday, the Los Angeles City Council created an ordinance that went beyond the Mayor's emergency directive and includes waving late fees and expands repayment up to 12 months. Renters are protected regardless of immigration status.

Ayer, el concilio de Los Ángeles pasó una ordenanza que sobrepasa las directivas de emergencia del alcalde y incluye la eliminación de la multa de cargos tardes y también aumenta el tiempo para volver a pagar de 6 meses a 12 meses. Inquilinos están protegidos sin importar su estado migratorio.

If you receive an eviction notice, contact the City's Housing Department (HCIDLA) and inform your landlord immediately that you are an Affected Tenant as a result of COVID-19 and protected by the City's ordinance.

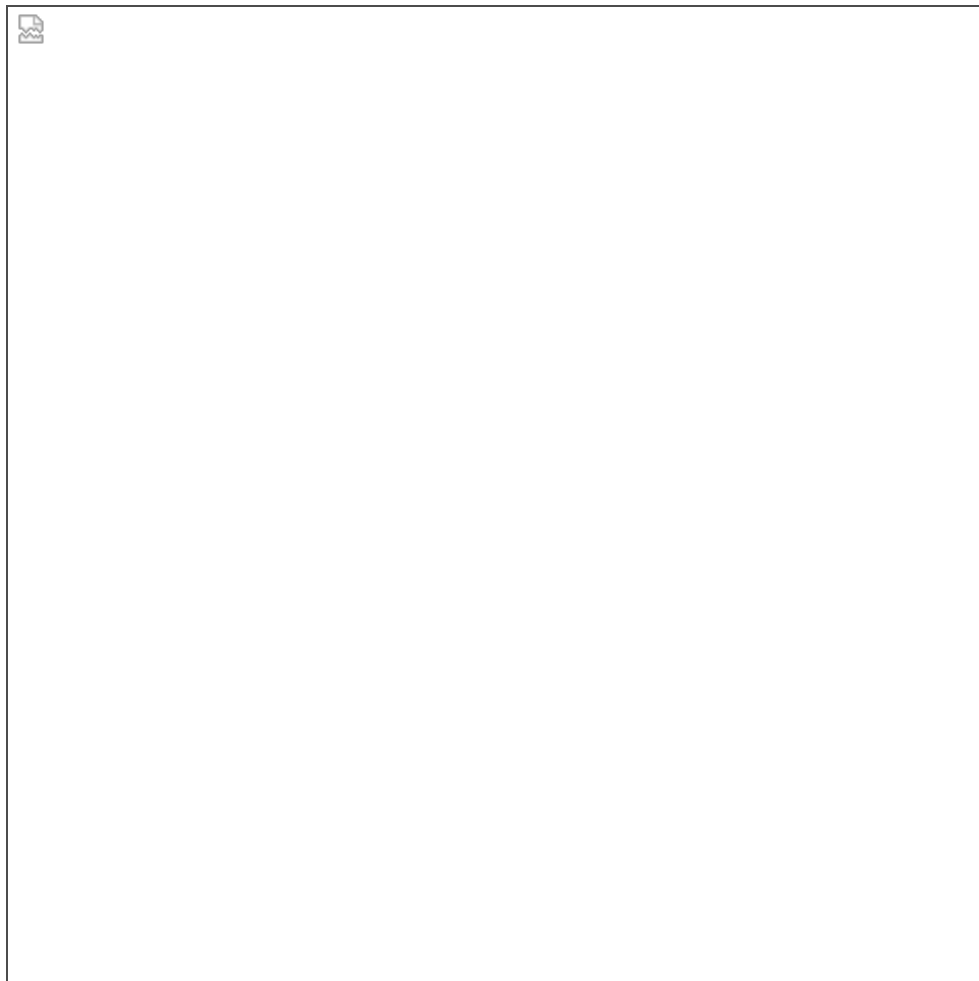
Si usted recibe una orden de desalojo, contacte al Departamento de Vivienda de Los Ángeles (HCIDLA) y avísale a su propietario que es un inquilino afectado por causa del coronavirus y que están protegidos bajo la ley.

File a complaint with the Los Angeles Housing & Community Development Department (HCIDLA) at hcidla.lacity.org/File-a-Complaint or by calling (866) 557-RENT or (866) 557-7368 between 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday or 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays.

Para presentar una queja, contacte al Departamento de Vivienda de Los Ángeles y Comunidad para el Desarrollo (HCIDLA) llamando al (866) 557-ALQUILER o a (866) 557-7368, de lunes - viernes entre las horas de 8:30 a.m. a 4:30 p.m., y sábado y domingo, de 10 a.m a 3 p.m.

For more information on L.A.'s Eviction Moratorium. Para más información de la moratoria de desalojo de Los Ángeles, por favor visite a: <https://hcidla.lacity.org/covid-19-eviction-moratorium>.

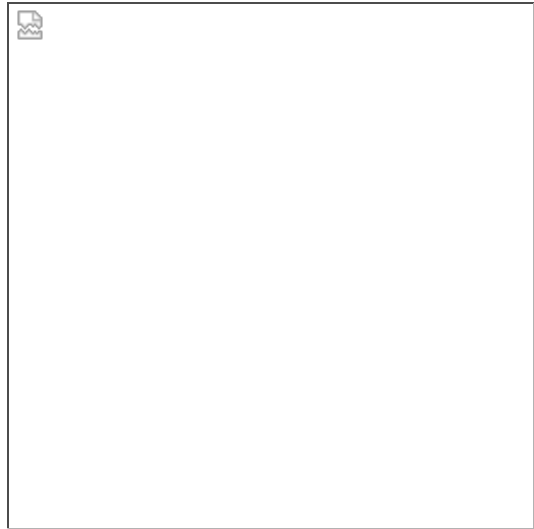
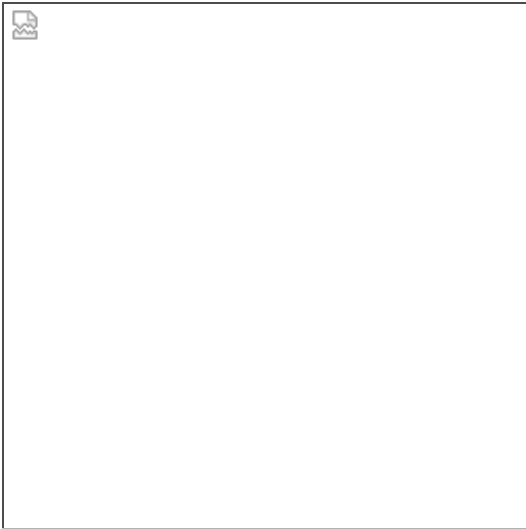
For a list of Housing Legal Assistance Providers. Para una lista de asistencia legal para asuntos de vivienda: <https://tinyurl.com/legalassistanceforhousing>



File a complaint with HCIDLA here

[Click here or more information on L.A.'s Eviction Moratorium](#)

Partnering with The Good+ Foundation to Bring 200,000 Diapers to Families in Need





This week, I joined Los Angeles City Council President Emeritus Herb J. Wesson, Jr. and Curren D. Price, Jr. to help distribute an incredible donation of love from the Good+Foundation which donated 200,000 diapers and thousands of baby wipes to families in need in Los Angeles.

The economic impact of COVID-19 has greatly affected our working poor, families living right on the edge – one life emergency away from being homeless. Right now we have families who either cannot afford these essential items or cannot find them due to the hoarding we have seen in our supermarkets. This donation is a blessing to so many parents – it is a godsend for these families.

Local Business Answers Call to Make Masks for Healthcare Workers

Want to thank Burbank businessman Julio Ruiz for heeding our call to

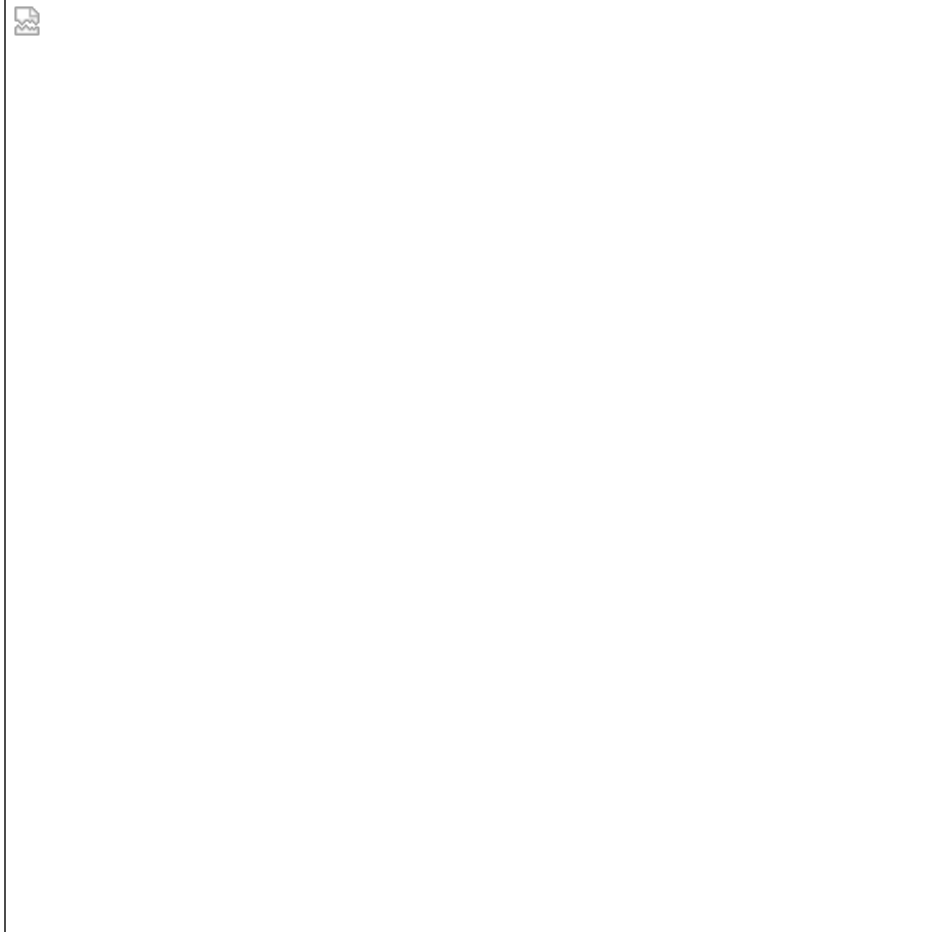
manufacturers to adapt their operations to help in this time of great need. LiquidSkySports is making surgical masks - while not N95 masks, these masks will provide protection for hundreds of thousands of people. God bless him. Read below to learn more.

Read LA Times story here

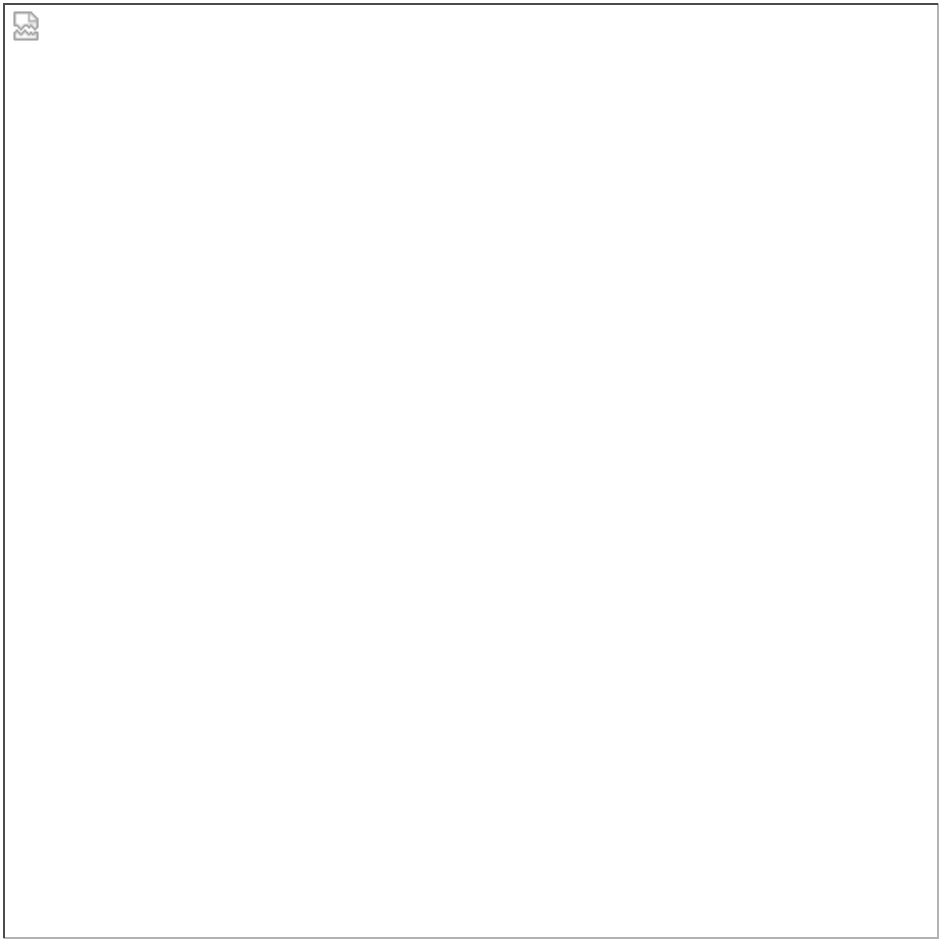
**IMPORTANT REMINDER:
If you are feeling sick call your
healthcare provider**

During this COVID-19 crisis, if you're feeling ill, please follow Los Angeles County Department of Public Health's recommendations!

If you need information on how to **sign up for a test**, or to **determine if you are eligible to be tested**, please visit the City of Los Angeles' coronavirus site [here](#).



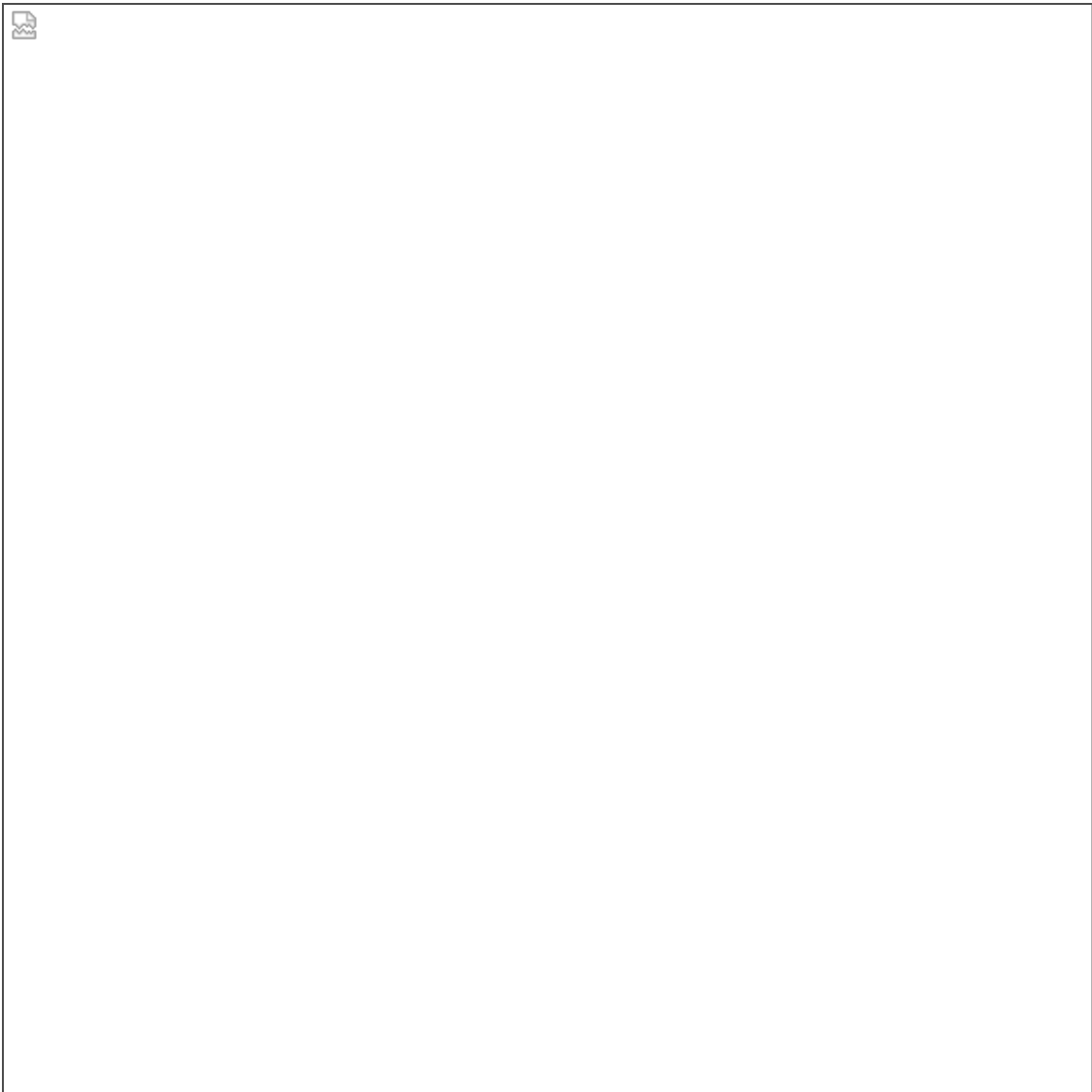
Durante esta crisis de COVID-19, si te sientes enfermo, por favor sigue las recomendaciones del Departamento de Salud Público del Condado de Los Ángeles.



Thank You Home Depot!



Our CD6 team helped deliver 560 boxes graciously donated by Home Depot and deliver them to North Valley Caring Services where they'll be used to store essential groceries for families at their Drive-Thru Food Bank.



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